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Santa Ynez Valley Newsletter

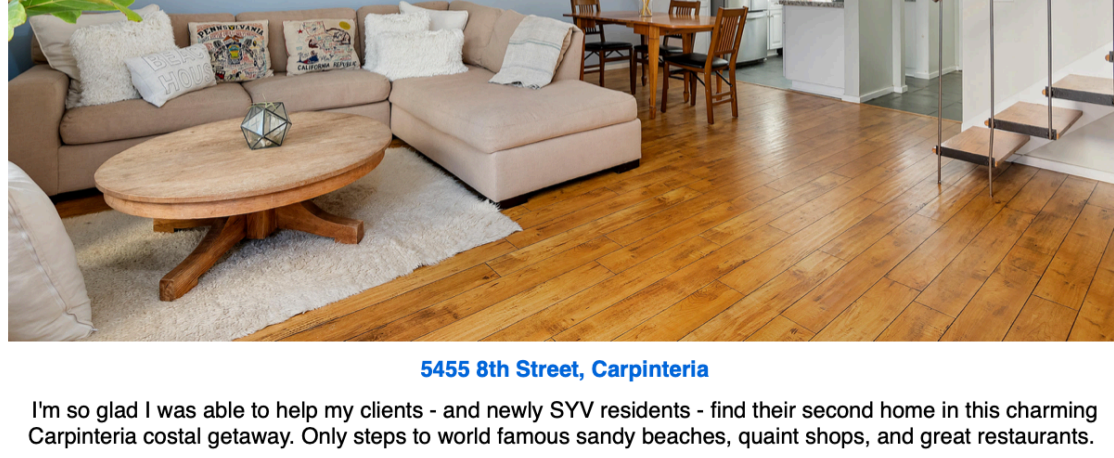
- January 2021 -

2020 was all about perspective. Life is found in the tiny moments. Victories, milestones, and celebrations, no matter how small, still happened and still mattered in 2020. My niece got engaged. My sister had her baby boy. My son took his first steps. Friends celebrated milestone birthdays. Clients bought new homes. We hugged those close to us, and zoomed those who were not.

So, as we let go of the past year, the one thing we should still hold onto from 2020, is each other.

-Ben

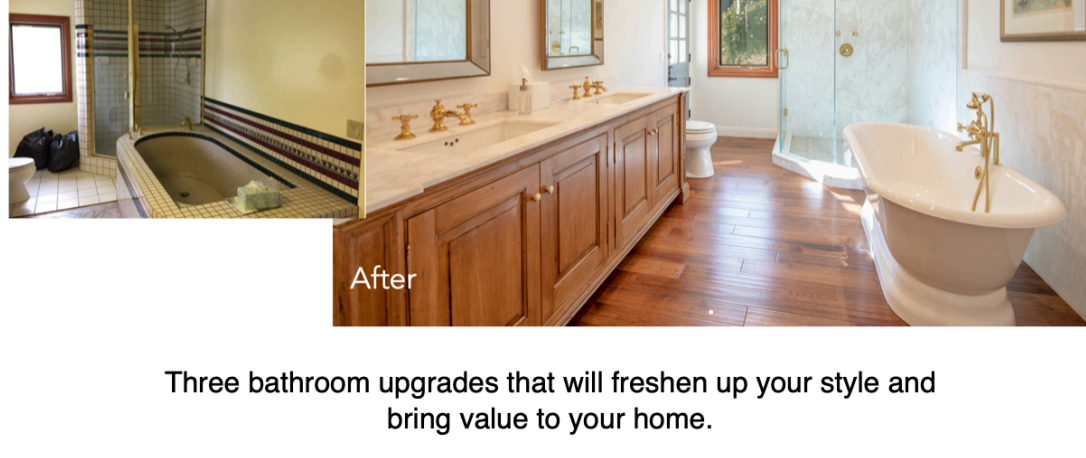
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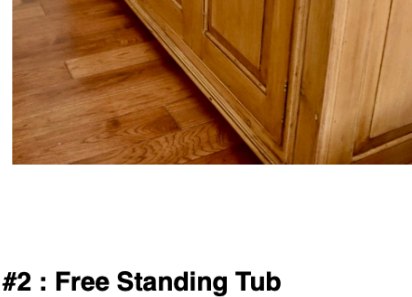
5455 8th Street, Carpinteria

I'm so glad I was able to help my clients - and newly SYV residents - find their second home in this charming Carpinteria coastal getaway. Only steps to world famous sandy beaches, quaint shops, and great restaurants.

Design Trends : Bathroom Remodels



Three bathroom upgrades that will freshen up your style and bring value to your home.

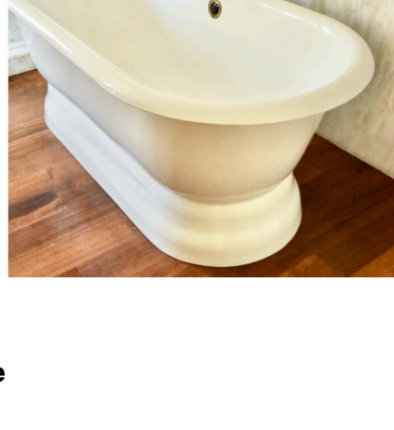


#1 : Unique Bathroom Vanity

Bathroom storage is must! And something home buyers are always in search of. But you don't have to suffer with generic cabinetry. Here an Antique Irish Pine base is fitted with Blanco marble and antique brass sink fittings to give the bathroom a custom feel. Moving away from traditional built in cabinetry, and choosing a tailored piece of furniture, you're able to get more of a unique look without sacrificing cabinet space.

#2 : Free Standing Tub

Gone are the days of massive jacuzzi tubs set in obscene amounts of tile! In their place, home owners are opting for more elegant, space efficient, soaking tubs. Available in a variety of sizes, you can pair it with a vintage style faucet - as shown here, or a more modern faucet for a sleeker look. Tubs are a must for most home buyers and adding a free standing tub creates a more spacious, clean look.



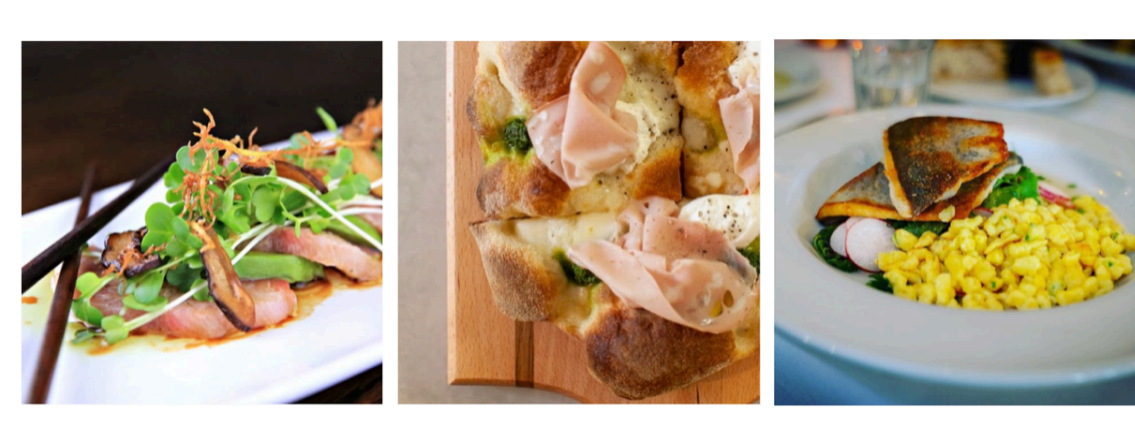
#3 Accent Tile

Add flair and character to your bathroom by choosing an accent tile to complement the tile or stone used in your bathroom. Here, a mosaic tile was chosen for the floor of the shower to pair with the white marble walls. Because of its small pieces and grout ratio, mosaic tile is a great choice to use on shower floors - and brings unique style and texture to an otherwise monotone space.

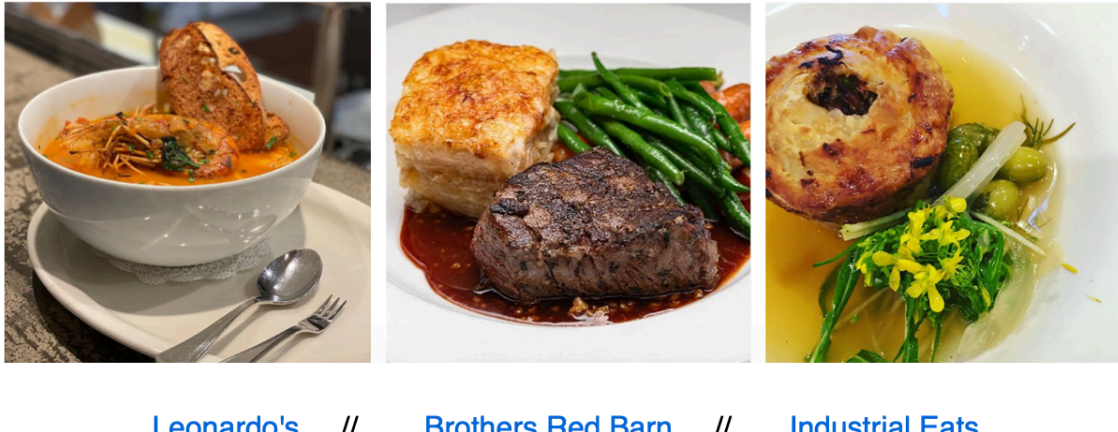
Santa Ynez Valley Living

January would traditionally host Restaurant Week. Two delicious weeks in the Santa Ynez Valley where local restaurants offer three course meals to showcase their best.

While this year may not see the traditional celebration of our local restaurants, there is still EVERY reason to order some of their outstanding dishes from the comfort of your own home. Here are a few of my favorites ::



Mad & Vin // SY Kitchen // peasantsFEAST



The Gathering Table // Nella // Wine Merchant Cafe



Leonardo's // Brothers Red Barn // Industrial Eats

Featured SVY Homes :: - with Great Potential -



1461 West Highway 246 Buellton 4 Bed | 2.5 Bath

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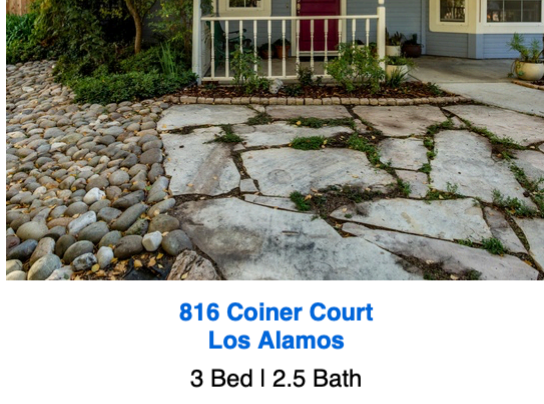
3570 Woodstock Road Santa Ynez 5 Bed | 4.5 Bath

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4025 West Oak Trail Road Santa Ynez 4 Bed | 2 Bath

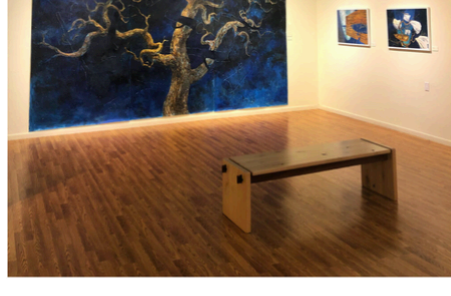
Listing Courtesy of :: Laura Drammer of Berkshire Hathaway



816 Coiner Court Los Alamos 3 Bed | 2.5 Bath

Listing Courtesy of :: Michael Nicola of Town and Ranch

Monthly Features



COMMUNITY SUPPORT :: - Wilding Museum-

While the museum itself may be temporary closed due to regulations, you can still view all their exhibitions online, along with art activities, and videos.

Take a Virtual Walkthrough Tour of their "20/20: A Retrospective" exhibition.

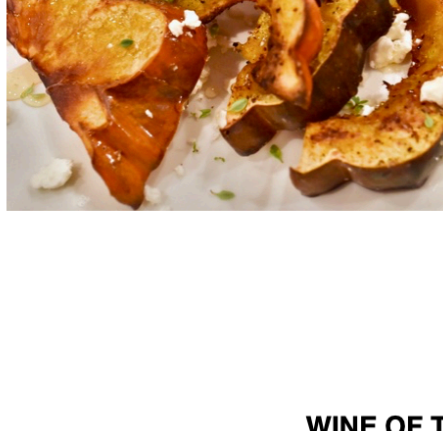
Kids can print out coloring and puzzle worksheets as well as explore online art classes led by famous illustrators as well as tutorials on nature crafts.

HOMES FOR LOCAL SHELTER DOGS :: - Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society -

Meet Franklin! This sweet boy is a 5 month old German Shepard Mix puppy who is looking for a wonderful home to call his own. He is available for adoption from the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society. Fill out an adoption application HERE to adopt Franklin or another one of his pup friends!



RECIPE :: LOCAL ROASTED ACORN SQUASH - With Chèvre, Honey, and Thyme -

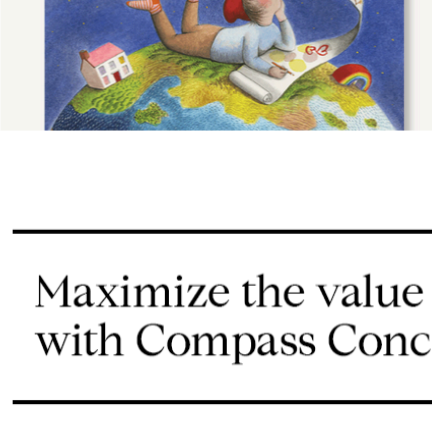
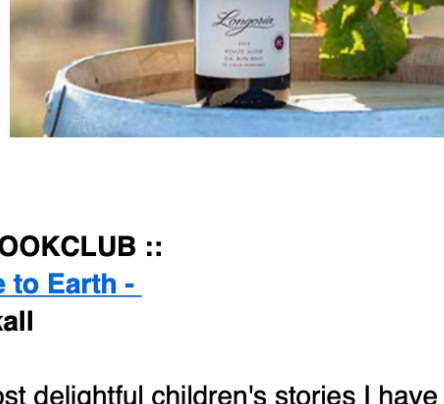


Preheat oven to 400° Cut one acorn squash into half and de-seed. Next, cut each half into 1" slices. Lay slices on baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper, and a dusting of nutmeg and cayenne pepper. Roast for 45 minutes, flipping half way through cooking, until golden. Plate squash and drizzle with local honey, crumbled chèvre, and fresh thyme. Enjoy!

*underlined ingredients linked with local sources

WINE OF THE MONTH :: - Longoria // 2016 Evidence -

The wine's color is a medium dark ruby. Complex aromas of leather, cedar, cola and cocoa powder fill the glass and are confirmed on the palate. This well structured, full bodied Bordeaux-style wine has silky smooth tannins and enough acidity to provide a long and persistent finish.

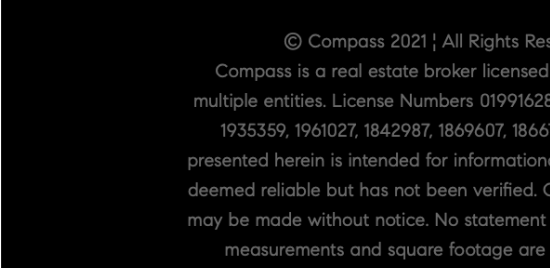


DECLAN'S BOOKCLUB :: - If You Come to Earth - Sophie Blackall

One of the most delightful children's stories I have read. If You Come to Earth is a beautifully written guide to our earth, inspired by the author's travels around the world in support of Save the Children and UNICEF. A story that will inspire us at any age. Available at the Book Loft in Solvang

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